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***TWO PHOENIX ATTORNEYS SELECTED TO SERVE ON COUNTY BENCH
TO FILL VACANCIES IN MARICOPA COUNTY***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced she has selected Karen Ann Potts and Christopher Thomas Whitten to serve on the Maricopa County Superior Court. Potts and Whitten will fill two vacancies, one newly created by population growth and the other by the resignation of Judge Mark Armstrong.

Potts, a pre-law professor at Phoenix College, worked at Streich Lang (Now Quarles & Brady Streich Lang) as a litigator and previously as an assistant Attorney General in the financial fraud division. She earned her bachelor's degree in Applied Sociology from Northern Arizona University, and graduated with her Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University. Potts' community involvement has included work with Habitat for Humanity and Valley Forward.

Whitten, a graduate of the University of San Diego's school of law and the University of Arizona's undergraduate business program, is an attorney with Whitten Berry, PLLC. He has previously taught law courses for various Arizona law organizations, and carries an active pro bono caseload. He is a youth sports coach and serves on the St. Thomas More Society's board of directors.

Both Potts and Whitten are expected to take the bench before the end of the year.